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Berlin Conference Makes News Even in Red and White Revue

Government Is Voted Down In Throne Speech Debate

The address in reply to the Speech from the Throne was rejected by a vote of 26 to 20 at the end of a long and confused Model Parliament Tuesday evening.

The Speaker of the House, Mr. Justice Paul-Emile Côté, judge of the Quebec Superior Court, declaring this a motion of non-confidence, suggested that the government, formed by the Progressive Conservative Club, resign after consultation with the Governor General.

THRONE SPEECH

The various sections of the Throne Speech proposed: that Canada propose the admission of Spain into the United Nations and study the possibility of admitting her to NATO; that Canada form a commonwealth commission to investigate the Korean problem and report its findings to the UN; and that Canada adopt a firm policy with regard to pressure groups in the US government and US textile industry.

The first two sections were rejected by the members of the parliament by a vote of 24 to 15 and 32 to 13, respectively. The third section, dealing with the US pressure groups, was passed unanimously.

DINSDALE

Mr. Walter Dinsdale, Progressive Conservative MP for Brandon-Souris, and guest speaker for the government, had little to say on the program of legislation as outlined in the Speech from the Throne.

Commenting on the proposals on Spain, Mr. Dinsdale expressed the opinion that this was, perhaps one of the less important problems of Canadian foreign policy. He also mentioned that all parties in the House of Commons were in substantial agreement on questions of foreign policy, although the election of any members representing the LPP would undoubtedly change this.

PROCEDURE

Mr. Dinsdale also noted that one of the valuable things to be learned in such Model Parliaments is the basic procedure used in the House, saying that he felt that a knowledge of the intricacies of procedure was often more important than a detailed knowledge of the subject under discussion.

SPAIN

Roy Heenan, first speaker for the government, said "... that Spain is the only country capable of stopping Communism in the west." He said that Spain is already working in cooperation with many countries in SHAP, and that there is no reason why it could not also do this in NATO. He also stated that Spain at present fulfills all the requirements for membership in the U.N.

PRIME MINISTER

Pat Keenan, prime minister, said that in the Gouzenko matter, Canada acted as "nothing more than a 49th state," and stressed that any such future incident would be handled with decision and finality. He said that foreign interests, especially American, were being served "to the hilt by the loopholes in the Canadian tariff act."

LPP

The speaker for the official opposition, the LPP Club, said that "reactionary militarists" are the people which the government wishes to choose as allies in NATO. In connection with the commonwealth commission, he said that the LPP disapproves of the Korean war, and that the

situation has not been changed by it.

CCF

Gerald Rubin, speaking for the CCF Club, said that Spain should only be admitted to NATO in the case of dire emergency. In speaking of the commission, he mentioned that there has already been a commonwealth commission, under the leadership for Lord Alexander. In addition, Rubin said that the commission which the government proposed would not have a free hand but would be going to get a report the conclusions of which have already been drawn.

LIBERALS

Gerry Charness, Liberal Club speaker, said that the Speech from the Throne was "ill-advised, nebulous and unclear", and that the government had expressed nothing but the "pious hope" that it would be able to do better than the Liberals. He said that the Liberals could see nothing advantageous in admitting Spain to the UN, but that there would be nothing wrong with studying the possibilities of admitting her to NATO.

In speaking of the commonwealth commission, Charness said that Canada cannot call a commission—it can only ask the other nations to join it in a commission. He said that it was not a pressure group, but US government officials who asked to talk to Gouzenko. In addition, he added that Gouzenko is a Canadian citizen and is free to talk to whomsoever he wishes. In discussing the textile section of the Throne speech, Charness said that he didn't know just what the government wanted.

Dr Cyril James Tours Canada

Dr. F. Cyril James, President and Vice-Chancellor of McGill University is presently absent on an extended speaking tour of western Canada and United States. Dr. James has been addressing branches of graduate societies and Canadian Clubs. Mrs. James is accompanying him on the tour which will last till the end of January.

Macdonald Feet Serve As Model For Dancers

By Ruth Roskies

"One and two and clap and two and one and two and..." This monotonous chant is often repeated far into the night by the choreographer of the 1954 Red and White Revue, "Love Amiss". Brian Macdonald has the double



Brian Macdonald

duty of composing the dances and teaching them to the twenty odd dancers.

"The girls must be delightful pupils," reported an observer, "but the boys have to be taught as well."

Macdonald was a student at McGill for five years. After a time it became apparent that either

Model Parliament Commentary

By John Fraser

Starting with the Prime Minister's attempt to move a vote of no confidence in his own government, confusion was the keynote of Tuesday's Model Parliament.

Not only, as the guest speaker tactfully suggested, was there some confusion among the members of each group as to their party's policies, but the procedure, the speakers and their ideas were often muddled.

Part of the trouble could be attributed to the "Innovation" of having a Speech from the Throne instead of the usual bill. The idea was not fully worked out, party leaders seemed to be unaware of the correct procedure, and preparation on all sides seems to have been insufficient.

The upshot was the defeat of a formal expression of thanks in reply to the Speech from the Throne. The vote was divided into three sections (rather an odd way of voting on an expression of thanks) and the unanimous approval of the third section was a result of confusion among the Liberals, who after a few tentative attempts at voting stuck solidly to their seats.

The procedure wouldn't have been so important, had the session had anything else to recommend it. Speakers were undecided whether to treat the serious topics seriously or not, and some compromised by saying nothing at all on the subject. A passionate but irrelevant account of Canada's History was the contribution of one of the government speakers to the debate.

In a session marked by little wit and less wisdom, it was sometimes regretted that the Prime Minister's original motion of non-confidence was not voted on immediately.



It's not all work on the Red and White Revue as is demonstrated in this picture. These members of the American Ballet group take time out between rehearsals to flank their choreographer, Brian Macdonald and producer-pianist Bernie Rothman. This group is only part of the large troupe of dancers participating in this year's "Love Amiss".

Canada Elected to COSEC Supervisory Committee

Canada has been elected to the five nation Supervisory Committee of the Co-ordinating Secretariat, a western student organization.

The National Federation of Canadian University Students (NFCUS) executive considers this a singular honour for Canada, as the United States had represented North America on the Supervisory Committee since the founding of COSEC in 1950.

A delegation of Canadian representatives is now attending a COSEC meeting being held in Istanbul, Turkey. This is the largest delegation ever sent by Canada to such meeting. Its purpose was to get the voice of university students of this country on the Supervisory Committee.

Arts and Science Interclass Debate

The Arts & Science Inter Class Debating Tournament will commence on Wed. Jan. 27. It was announced today by Isidore Yablou, President of the A & S Debating Committee. This is the debating event of the year and is specifically designed to encourage debating on a less experienced level, and to provide an interesting, competitive medium to those people who haven't debated often at McGill.

The rules of the competition are as follows, and will be strongly emphasized:

- 1) This competition is open to all students in the faculty of Arts & Science only.
- 2) All contestants must enter in teams of two, each member of a team being in the same year; however, a team may consist of one member in Arts, and the other one in Science.
- 3) Students who hold the Gold Key or Gold A, awards for debating, or who have debated on an intercollegiate level are not eligible in this competition.

The winning team will receive an engraved trophy which will be presented at the annual A & S banquet. In addition, each member of the winning team will receive a replica of this trophy which he may keep. The winning team of each year will receive a lapel pin with the A & S emblem on it.

Those wishing to enter the competition should leave their names in groups of teams, their faculty and year, and their phone numbers with George at the Tuck shop. They should mark A & S Debating on the outside of the entries. This is important. The deadline for handing in these entries is Mon. Jan. 25. The competition promises to be quite a stimulating one, and one is reminded again that experience is not necessary here, and that even if one has never debated before this is a good chance to begin.

which aim has now been realized. "We believe Canada can play a very important role in COSEC," said Tony Enriquez, president of NFCUS and Canadian representative in Istanbul, "as Canada has much to offer because it is a bridge between the European and American point of view and therefore affords a better basis for co-operation." Enriquez will be returning home on January 23.

COSEC was organized for the benefit of students the world over. The Co-ordinating Secretariat has no policy making powers and it is instructed to administer only those duties allotted to it by the conference, to act in accordance with conference resolutions; and to submit a report on its activities to the annual meeting. The Secretariat is directly responsible throughout the year to a Supervisory Committee whose duty it is to supervise and control its operation and to appoint the Administrative Secretary and other staff.

IUS IGNORES

A NFCUS proposal submitted by Tony Enriquez, suggesting a round table discussion between NFCUS and the communist dominated International Union of Students in Paris next summer, has so far been ignored by the IUS.

The purpose of this meeting would be to explore the possibility that NFCUS might take out associate membership in IUS.

Enriquez hoped that a conference with executives of IUS would in future insure a more representative Canadian delegation, perhaps under the associate member plan.



Peter Viereck

Mr. Viereck won the Pulitzer Prize in 1949 with his volume of poetry "Terror and Decorum." In addition to this book of poems he has written two others, "Strike Through the Mack" and "The First Morning". The first

of these was published in 1950 and the second in 1952. Mr. Viereck delivered the Phi Beta Kappa poem at his Alma Mater, Harvard University, in 1952 and last year he appeared at the Library of Congress in Washington in a literary series and delivered a series of lectures at Oxford University.

Mr. Viereck is not only famous for his poetry. He has written several books including "Conservatism Revisited" and his most recent "The Shame and the Glory" of the Intellectuals. This last book has created quite a stir in certain circles and Mr. Will Herberg, who has recently appeared at McGill, said of it, "To do justice to this book one would have to reprint it entire."

SCOPE has recently presented Roy Campbell, the South African poet and Donna Gesco, the Canadian violinist. As is the practice no admission will be charged at the lecture Wednesday night.

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Positively no changes will be considered after this deadline date of January 23rd.

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'Love Amiss' Opens Feb. 4

Many Students Star In 26th Presentation

This year's Red and White Revue, which opens on Thursday, February 4 in Moyse Hall, has a plot in keeping with the times. It concerns four delegates who, en route to the Berlin Conference, begin to reminisce about their unfortunate romances.

In a series of flashbacks, the representatives from England, Russia, France and the United States, recall the circumstances which led to their respective marriages. This provides a background for a variety of skits and musical numbers. The dances range from an American ballet number to a lively can-can.

The division of the script into four separate sections has provided many more acting parts. In the English scene, Corinne Copnick and Desmond Niven play the hapless lovers; Evelyn Bernstein and Irwin Browns provide the romantic setting in the Russian scene; the French section introduces the provocative Dinny Stern and amorous Jack Greenstein, and the American scene features Ruth Silver and Peter Hale.

The show will run from February 4 to 10 inclusive. Tickets will be on sale in the near future, at \$1.50 per person. This year's show was under the direction of John Pratt, who was once an active member of the Red and White crew. The choreography is also being done by a former McGillian, Brian Macdonald. Both men have had much experience in their respective fields.

Free Love Club Holds Experimental Meeting

Edmonton — (CUP) — Free love would eliminate the problems of divorce and illegitimacy, and would end many of the other frustrations experienced by people in courtship and marriage, said Harold Huston, a third year arts student at the University of Alberta, at the organizational meeting of the Society for the Furtherance of Free Love.

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The other members of the executive are all active students at the university. Bernie Rothman, producer, is a fourth year commerce student and has previously written some of the songs for the Revue. Doug Turner and Barbara Fraser, associate producers, have also worked on the production in previous years either in acting or producing capacities.

The executive hopes that all students will take the earliest opportunity to buy tickets for "Love Amiss", because all seats are on a "first come, first served" basis.

Negro Charges Discrimination in Toronto

Toronto, (CUP) — A charge of discriminatory practice has been made against an officer of the Hart House Employment Service, E. A. Halse, by a negro graduate student and former assistant member of the staff of the University, Daniel G. King. The complaint was also filed with the Department of Labour in Ottawa.

A committee, comprising the executive of the Students Administrative Council, has been formed to investigate the charges made by Hill as they implicate the SAC as well as Halse.

Hill charged that, although he had applied for a Christmas job with the Canadian National Express early in October, and although he took a note from the CNX Terminal Agent, William Greene, stating that he should be hired during the Christmas rush period, he was not notified by Halse that he had a job. He said he discovered that Green asked Halse for twenty students, designating him as one of them.

Hill claimed that only after a heated discussion did Halse see fit to give him his job form. Halse was keeping it, unknown to Hill, in his desk drawer. Hill said that Halse neither explained nor apologized for his behaviour.

Hill charged that Halse handed out application forms asking for complexion, nationality and place of birth without deleting those categories. An application containing these questions is contrary to the Canada Fair Employment Practices Act.

Sorority Carnival

The pledge group of the Delta Phi Epsilon sorority last night held a carnival in the Union ballroom for the purpose of raising a hundred dollar bursary for a needy McGill student.

According to the sorority, the affair was highly successful, and its purpose was achieved. Co-chairmen were Elaine Samt and Miriam Lioff, treasurer was Ann Balde, and Dorothy Gould looked after the ten various booths.

Among these were the Chinese auction, refreshment and fortune telling booths.

CHANGE OF COURSE

The change of course period for the second term will extend from January 11th to January 23rd. During this period, students in the Faculty of Arts and Science may change their registration in second term courses. ONLY, so that they may drop a SECOND TERM course, for which they registered originally, and replace it by another approved SECOND TERM COURSE.

In order to be properly registered, the student must effect this change by completing the official "Change of Course Form" available in the Assistant Dean's Office. These forms (three in number) must be completed and turned in by the student who should call back within three days to receive his copy, which will be signed if the change is approved. Merely turning in the forms does NOT constitute authority for the change, and it is the student's responsibility to ascertain that the change has been approved.

Positively no changes will be considered after this deadline date of January 23rd.

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World Events

Paris — An "Improved atmosphere" in France's exchanges with Spain over reported Spanish Moroccan plans "threatening the unity of Morocco" was reported tonight by a French Foreign Ministry spokesman.

Ottawa — An official Federal Government report released here today admits that "during the last few months the expansionary trend in output and employment in the Canadian economy has lost some of its momentum."

Quebec — The Quebec Government today tabled estimates in the Legislative Assembly for the fiscal year 1954-55 totalling \$308,746,660.

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A Question of Definition

We doubt that many will dispute the main principle behind the recent amendments to the Quebec Freedom of Worship Act. Irresponsible attacks against religious groups are generally recognized as abuses of the right of freedom of speech, as are libel, slander, sedition or obscenity.

Such limitations on the freedom of speech, however, must be drafted and administered with great care, for they deal with the legally indefinable. The act proscribes "abusive or insulting attacks" against religious groups or beliefs or their members and adherents. Nowhere is there any attempt to limit or define the terms "abusive" or "insulting."

Obviously the legislature has left such definition to other authorities, and their power will be extensive. This is perhaps unfortunate as the subject of the law involves powerful emotions and prejudices. Judgment on whether or not certain material is

"abusive or insulting" to a religion is all too apt to be influenced by the religious beliefs of the judge.

Some of the enforcement machinery of the new law may also be ill-advised. Seizure of suspect literature, for instance, is authorized without a warrant. Injunctions to prevent or halt infringements of this Act may be granted without a writ of summons, which means that those against whom the injunction has been taken out cannot appear to defend themselves and show cause why such an injunction should not be issued.

Both these provisions are irregular and there seems to be little justification for their inclusion in the Act. We doubt, however, that there will be much objection, although any there is will be vigorous. The group against whom these changes are specifically designed is not a popular one in this Province.

J.M.F.

From the Ivory Tower

The Paradoxical Generation

We've been called the silent generation, or the waiting generation. We're neither. We're the effete, the indifferent generation. We're the generation of small men, small hopes, small achievements. We're not even disillusioned; we've never had any illusions. If we're silent it is because we have nothing to say. But we're also a very and generation.

We're perhaps as monotonous as the age in which we grew up, and ours is the age of proletarian democracy. It is dull and uninteresting. It is an age of mass-men. It is neither repulsive nor very attractive. Our freedom we take for granted, and have forgotten its meaning. Most of our beliefs are negative. We don't revolt because there is nothing ugly enough to revolt against, and war, we feel, is too big to revolt against. Besides, revolt is essentially an aristocratic luxury, and we're small men. We've grown to be tolerant. Why not? In an age of uniformity, why enforce conformity? We find eccentricity interesting, or merely boring. Gone forever is the "misunderstood artist." We just don't bother to

understand or misunderstand him. Gone too, is the "Ivory tower" intellectual. No one of us has the desire or ability to isolate himself. And we're not arrogant enough to fancy ourselves great artists or great thinkers. We feel that all that could be said has somehow already been said.

We're the age of the commonplace, the commonplace in art, in religion, in love. All our tastes are commonplace, petit-bourgeois. We want security and dream of titanic adventures; we want polish and succeed only in being flashy; we want culture but try to buy it.

We're a dull, uninteresting, generation. And yet, there is something sublime about us. We're small men, but we have seeds of greatness in us. Small and laughable as we are, we struggle endlessly against a world that is almost too great for us. We're not a race of heroes, and yet we can suffer silently. Our lives are measured by financial success, and yet we're more unselfish than all the other generations of the world. We're small men, small and colorless and ever erring, and ever trying to be great and good.

Claude-Armand Sheppard

Letters to the Editor

A Plea for Activities

Dear Sir,
O for a Muse of Fire, etc. With reference to your article on the reports of the S.E.C. committees on student failures; the reason why so many of those taking part in extra-curricular activities often get low marks is because they are so few in number, and thus have to bear a far more exacting burden than would be the case if there were others to take their share.

For years student officers have been doing their utmost to increase the student's interest in these activities, and now, apparently, all their work is to go by the board. Instead of the mob of 50 McGill students and the host from Montreal High at pep rallies, in future only Montreal High will be present; instead of the capacity-crowd of 40 at student dramatic productions, the 10 dutiful parents may have front seats.

Granted only those who can organize their lives so as to include both intra and extra-curricular activities should take time off from their arduous studies, but surely those at a university possess this self-control. If not, why are they there?

Many of these activities are a great boon in later life, and in my opinion, the student who participates and graduates with low marks is prepared for an outside life, and makes a better citizen, than the man with only good marks to his credit.

While I think that the remainder of the S.E.C. Reports are excellent and to be highly commended, I trust that great care will be taken to ensure that extra-curricular activities are not killed completely.

M. J. B. Lansdown, B. Ss III

The McGillian

Dear Sirs:
In reply to a recent letter in the Daily from R.J. Cowan, I should like to rebut some of his ad hominem arguments against the proposed change of the annual's name from "Old McGill" to "The McGillian".

Mr. Cowan is obviously one of those poor unfortunates, a result of the modern world's insecurity, who feel any change is a bad thing merely because it is a change. Indeed, he has proved himself an ultra-reactionary by calling those who propose this modest change "revolutionaries".

What is more, Mr. Cowan overlooks the fact that those who propose the change have good reason. "Old McGill" is not only the name of the annual, it is the affectionate name for the university per se, as in the phrase, "How well I re-

member my days at Old McGill", which could be used by one of the (balding) "countless thousands of McGill graduates" whom Mr. Cowan so ardently defends. Hence the name "Old McGill" for the annual is ambiguous. This is a flagrant example of imprecise language which universities try to extirpate, and should be remedied by changing the name of the Annual to the McGillian, a title which it would share with no one.

We who are at this university are all McGillians, and it would be most appropriate to call our Annual "The McGillian". We are not yet "old", and there is no reason why we should call our Annual "old" anything; it will seem "old" enough when fifty years from now, we scan its dust-cracked pages.

Simliss II

The Storm BURSTS Into A Reign of Terror

By Irena Wisniewski-Chenault

As stated in former articles, around the year 1914 Russia was in the same position as a man sitting on a keg of lighted dynamite.

In 1914, World War broke out, with Russia, France and England allied against Germany, Austro-Hungarian Empire, Bulgaria, and Turkey. Many more small countries were involved, but as their role was minor they shall not be mentioned here.

Before we discuss the war itself we must take a look at the parties involved: Germany was at the height of her power. Ruled by the able Kaiser Wilhelm II, she also had an outstanding military commander, Hindenburg. Her war machinery was among the best in the world and as a whole Germany was one of the most prosperous and progressive countries. However, Russia was shaking in her system, her government and her organization. With a divided government, a struggling parliament, weak emperor, despotic empress and a people calling for liberation she was in a state of complete chaos.

DIVISIONS

Between the enemies was Poland which had been divided between Austria, Russia and Germany. Early in the war Russia promised Poland liberty in exchange for support. The Poles took up the offer enthusiastically.

Throughout the war Russia had to depend upon help from her allies, England and France. Although she had a large army, that army was badly organized and poorly armed.

At the beginning Russia was winning but soon defeats became more numerous than victories.

OPPOSITION

Back in the capital, against popular clamourings for liberalism stood the stony opposition of the empress. German by birth she was thoroughly autocratic and opposed all motion for limited monarchy. Exerting great influ-

As the homefront was being poisoned by Rasputin, so the poison crept up near the front. Deprived of the best portion of her railways by the loss of her western provinces, Russia was gravely embarrassed by the crisis in food supply. Troops had to forge for food as best they could.

DISCONTENT

The dissatisfaction, which at the beginning of the war was dulled by enthusiasm for fighting reappeared with more intensity than ever among both workmen and army.

The Social Democrats gave a conditional support to war; but the small Bolshevik section, whose leader, Lenin, was in Switzerland with his principal associates, desired, above all things, peace as a preface to a world revolution. The general discontentment gave them every opportunity. Soon strikers began to be

the central public munitions committee was arrested. A strike broke out. At the same time there was a stoppage of the food supply, for which the people blamed the government. Hunger, the almighty enemy of mankind was felt everywhere. Demonstrations began. On March 9, 1917, police fired on the crowds. Soldiers began to side with the people. Then all factories and schools stopped work and everyone was on the streets. Regiment after regiment joined the crowds. They seized the Arsenal, distributed weapons, opened prisons. The Assembly provided a provisional committee. Members were quickly elected and the first Soviet or Council of Delegates met. On March 13, ministers of the provisional government were appointed. Kerensky, a young lawyer from the Social Revolutionary Party, headed this government.

ABDICATION

The emperor was arrested and he formally abdicated in favour of his brother, Grand Duke Michael. However, the Grand Duke refused and his decision was to be the fall of the Romanov dynasty which had ruled for centuries. It fell by its own insufficiency.

The provisional government at once recognized Russia's allies, and was bent on helping them to win the war. Universal suffrage of both sexes at the age of 18 was made law, and the immediate concession of complete independence to Poland met with no opposition.

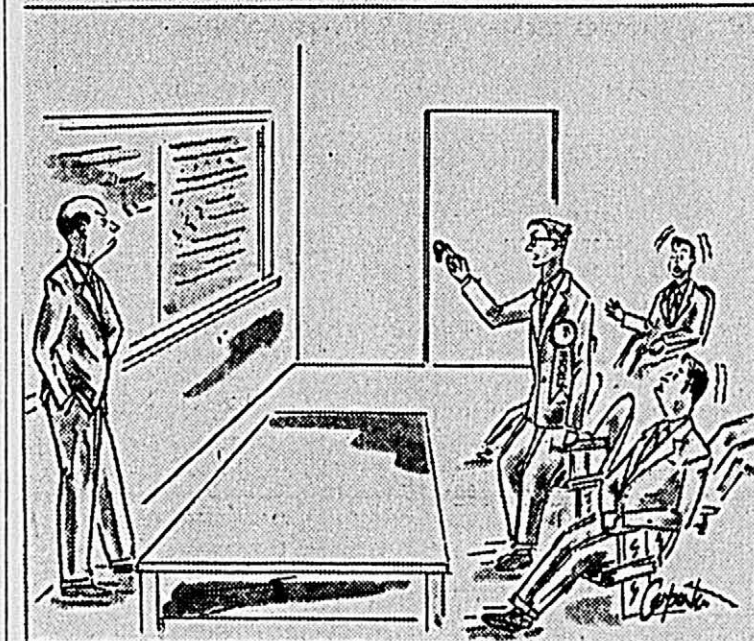
REIGN OF TERROR

However this well-meaning and liberal government could not last long. History proved that no people that had been enslaved for ages could be liberated suddenly and rule itself properly. France also had had a liberal government following the revolution and then the Reign of Terror. The difference between France and Russia, however, is that France's Reign of Terror lasted 5 years; the Russian Reign of Terror still lasts — from 1917 till 1951. And no one knows its end.

BOLSHEVIKS

The provisional government, though acknowledged as such for eight months, cannot be said to have actually ruled Russia. The

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"If I may point out an error, sir..."

ence over her husband, she soon saw to it that he himself took command of the army and went to the front, leaving her all power within the country. The empress was under the influence of a corrupt and power-hungry orthodox priest named Rasputin. He was a foul man, who, however, was credited by all who met him with mystic powers of clairvoyance. What sort of influence he wielded over the empress remains a mystery. The fact was that whatever Rasputin asked, the empress commanded. She flatly refused to believe the most clear-cut stories against him, no matter who the teller. For he was "a Man of God", "Our Friend."

Rasputin was a violent opponent of any diminution of the autocracy. If the emperor were bound to listen to constitutional advisers there would be no place for Rasputin.

A DESPOT TAKES OVER

When the emperor left the capital, the despotic rule of Rasputin began. Almost immediately scandal after scandal revealing his corruption was brought to the attention of the public without any effect on Rasputin's authority. He soon dismissed all cabinet ministers. Liberals and conservatives alike some of whom were the devoted servants of their country and the Imperial family.

Rasputin's rule affected every part of the administration of the country. He promoted an enormous government loan; he constantly interfered with the food supply for the army; he dictated drastic orders concerning transport. He even dictated messages which were sent to governments and sovereigns of various countries.

joined by the soldiers sent to disperse them.

RASPUTIN KILLED

Warning after warning was sent to the emperor. It was in the midst of these warnings, on December 30, 1916, that Rasputin was assassinated by Prince Yusupov, a cousin of the emperor. The emperor hastened from the front and for weeks afterwards the Imperial couple remained at the palace in complete apathy, turning a deaf ear to all warnings.

It is worth noticing that the Minister of the Interior plotted the murder and a prince executed it. Both were conservatives. The Grand Dukes had come in line with the public.

PREPARING FOR WAR

Then the workmen's group on

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First Love

By Buddy Brown

It was in autumn, in September to be exact, that you saw her for the first time. When she entered the room, you knew at once that she was the most beautiful woman you had ever seen. When she saw you she smiled, and you introduced yourself. And though she smiled and spoke to other people in the room, you knew that to you and you alone she smiled a secret smile that only you understood, and spoke in softer tones.

You had many dates with her after that, and yet it always seemed like an eternity until the next one. You tried your best to do everything she liked and you were always on your best behaviour.

You always marvelled how a person so beautiful and charming could be so intelligent. She was everything any man could desire: a composite of Aphrodite's beauty and Solomon's wisdom. She was seldom angry or grouchy and

never thoughtless or loud. Yes, you lived in an endless dream world of happiness as long as she was near.

But then before you knew it, the time for parting had come. And when she spoke to you for the last time, you didn't look at her for fear she would see the tears in your eyes as she said: "Children of the 4th grade. Have a nice summer vacation. Class dismissed."

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the gioconda smile

That smile on the face of the Mona Lisa has been celebrated in song and story. Visitors to the Louvre stand fixed before the portrait. "So wise," they say. "So full of meaning!"

The smile has been called an enigma. But there are some explanations. For one thing, the lady who was Leonardo da Vinci's model, and who was known as La Gioconda, was the young wife of an elderly and wealthy man. He had named her as the exclusive heir to his vast estate. So it could have been a smile of anticipation.

Then, too, Leonardo had hired a group of musicians to play soft music while she sat for her portrait, thus filling her heart with a gentle glow.

Modern critics, however, have come up with another answer. They say about Leonardo that, although he was a great architect and draftsman, he was not a truly great painter. In other words he just bungled the job. Depressing, isn't it.

Now, a beautiful, natural smile may be produced quite easily, and without a rich bequest, or an all-string orchestra. Right here in Canada these smiles are being created by fellows who never wore an artist's smock in their lives. Lots of them wear white coats, though. The smile starts when the subject says, "Make Mine Molson's". It reaches its peak when the famous long green bottle is placed before them. Keep smiling.

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Cagers Lose Thriller To Plattsburg 75-70

By Morrie Shohet

Plattsburg State Teachers College just edged out McGill in a real thriller at the Gym last night that saw our senior hoopsters go down for the seventh straight time this season 75 to 70. There was no doubt however that McGill should have won and by a wide margin.

The contest started off relatively slow and marked with sloppy ball handling and poor shooting on the part of both teams. The Redmen just couldn't find the range and missed countless scoring opportunities. Plattsburg hit for a few easy field goals, set up incidentally by poor defensive play by the McGillians, and by quarter time were leading 19-9.

It was the same story all over again throughout the second period and by half time it looked like another poor showing for the McGillians. They trailed 45-26 when the half time buzzer sounded and the fans, all 37 of them, by actual count, were hoping for a miracle to save the hapless Redmen. And a miracle it was!

Fired up by a strong tongue lashing by mentor Joe Anderson, the locals came back with new fire and started to roll. Mel Mikilachki, who had been missing all the first half, found the range a number of times to boost the Redmen total. Scrappy Timmy Lake, who played solid ball all game long, kept up the good work and ended up high scorer for the Red Machine with 18 points. Gordie Edwards, brilliant captain of the McGillians, and probably the best man on the floor sparked the team on and it looked like the Redmen

were still in the game. By three-quarter time they had cut down the American lead to 10 points.

But disaster had to strike. Trailing by only six points in the final period, Mel Mikilachki was called out of the game on personal fouls. Just a few moments later, Edwards had to leave for the same reason. And as the old saying goes, that it never rains but it pours, Paul Anderson, bucketman in the Anderson offense, had to leave the game. Joe Anderson called on his reinforcements and the team actually kept on outscoring the Plattsburg Teachers. But time was running out too fast and the game ended with McGill on the tall end of the 75-70 score.

Had there been more time, and more fans, there is no doubt that McGill would have won. Even at that it would have been no great triumph. Plattsburg is by no means a ranking ball club in the American collegiate circuit.

Johnny Longware was high scorer of the evening with 28 points for Plattsburg. Edwards, for McGill, registered 15, Anderson 10 and Mikilachki 9.

The Redmen play their first collegiate clash this Saturday against the University of Toronto

here at the Currie Gym. They could have won last night had they had the support of the local fans. That game didn't count. Let's not fall for them when it does, against Toronto, Saturday night.

Fencers Hold Tournament In Gym Tonight

Tonight at 7:30 PM the McGill Fencing Club will hold its annual Senior Men's Intramural Tournament in the Turner-Bone Room of the Currie Gym. Bouts will be held in foil, epee and sabre.

The results of these matches will not only determine the individual champion of McGill, but also the six man team to represent the University at the Canadian Intercollegiate championships in Toronto next month. It would be appreciated if all the eligible club members entered this Tournament. Please be on time, as the Tournament will run for three hours at least.

This tournament is primarily of interest to club members, but anyone else who would care to watch is more than welcome.

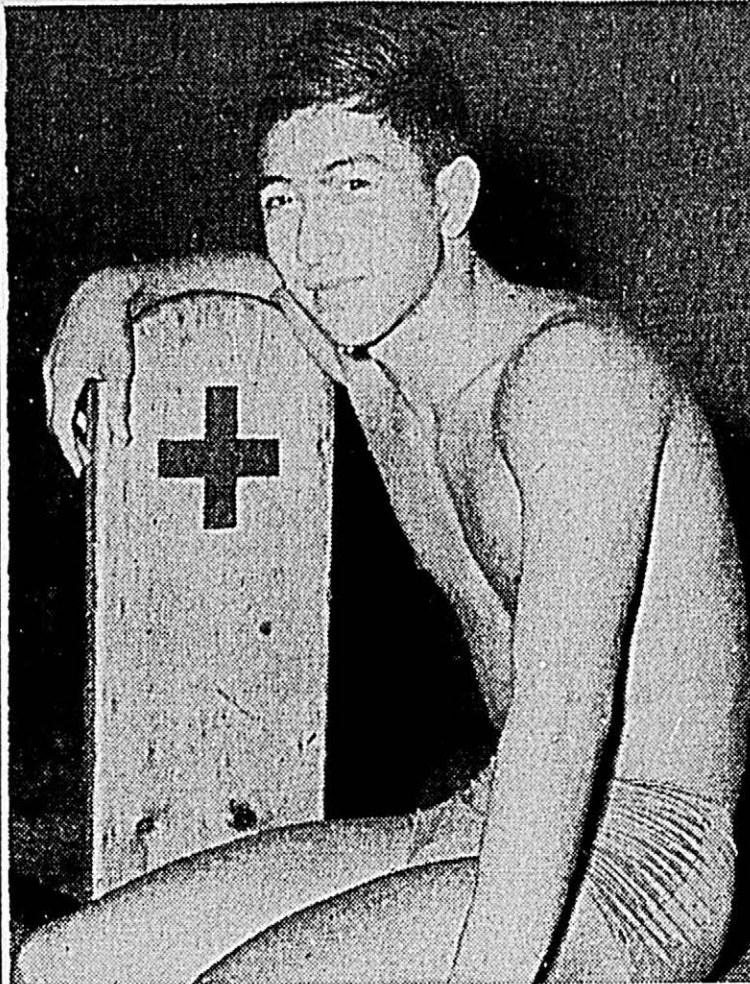
Billards Interest On Upswing In Many Colleges

Nation-wide collegiate competition in the three Bs of Billiards, bowling and bridge is getting terrific additional impetus this year through increased activity of the Association of College Unions.

Billiards decades ago had the stamp of highest social approval. Some such times for this "family type" sport may be returning. Paced by co-ed interest, movement toward the billiard tables operated on campus is becoming a major tide. A survey of 37 higher institutions made by J.C. O'haver, assistant manager of the Purdue University union and a member of the games committee, shows 23,500 collegians per week at the billiard tables.

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(Daily Photo by Peter Newton)

Lloyd Kishino, Provincial Junior Breaststroke Champion, will be one of the Mermen's best bets in an open Meet this Saturday night. Kishino has sparked this season, in breaststroke and individual medley races.

Hard Grind Ahead For Inter Braves

By Irwin Sankoff

With only five holdovers left from last year's Braves, finalists in the Ottawa-St. Lawrence Valley Hockey League, this year's edition of McGill's Intermediate hockey team open their season Friday night against Queen's at Kingston. Saturday the Braves tackle Royal Military College in the second game of a weekend doubleheader at Kingston.

The Braves had their opener against Bishop's, which was supposed to have been played last Saturday night, postponed, and will be played later on in February. The Golden Gaels have played once, racking up a 3-1 win over Sir George Williams College last Friday night at the Forum. The Cadets from RMC will be getting their first outing when they meet the Inters this Saturday.

The Braves will open their home season on Saturday, January 30, when they play host to the Ravens from Carleton College, at Loyola. They play their other away game against College Militaire Royal at St. John's, Quebec. At home they will tangle with Sir George Williams College, Bishop's and Loyola, last year's champs.

Coach Johnny Meagher has had quite a problem putting the 1954 edition of the Braves together as they are nearly all untried freshmen, that is in intercollegiate competition. Meagher will take sixteen men on the team to Kingston with him. Jacques Beauchemin will be between the pipes for the Red and White with Bob Bushy going along as the extra goalie.

The blue line brigade will be made up of Irwin, Dibble, Anderson, Collinge and James. Meagher will have three forward lines with Slavin, Ryder and Robertson on one, Tessler, Northey and Shea on another and Perry, Armstrong and Robertson forming the third attacking unit.

Coed Badminton

Attention all badminton enthusiasts: The doubles intramural tournament will get underway on January 26th instead of January 19th. To compete for the top honours of this competition, how about signing up on the RVC notice board?

... What's Happening? ...

INTRAMURAL SPORTS

Volleyball
Thursday, Jan. 21st—1.00 p.m.
Court
1—X 'K's vs Oogonia
2—Gargoyles vs Med. 11 'A'
3—Champs vs Med. 11 'B'
Basketball Playoffs
Monday, Jan. 25th—7.15 p.m.
Court
1—Med. 1 'A' vs Raiders
2—Dribblers vs Med. 4
3—Phys. Ed. vs Med. 3
4—Archengs vs Combines

INTRAMURAL EQUIPMENT
The following have equipment signed out from the Intramural Office. Unless this equipment is returned by Monday, January 25th, the names will be submitted to the registrar for further action.
Football
Nos.
A.S. Dorion (Com. 3) 24
E. Wang (Arts 4) 44

E. Wang (Arts 4) signed out for Ski Team.
P. Griffith (Med. 2) 40
L. Thornton (Med. 4) 17
B. Shaw (P.E.) 43
R. Pearl 31
P. Walsh
D. Abramowitz M. 25
J. Schoenbrod (Med. 3) 41
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INTRAMURAL TOURNAMENTS
The 1954 Intramural Tournaments in Table Tennis, Handball, Badminton and Squash will start Thursday, February 4th.

Entries for all four Tournaments will close Thursday, January 28th at 5.00 p.m. and will be accepted at the Intramural Office or at the Squash Courts.

Cuemen Sharpen Up For Annual Meet

By John Jones

While Norm Ashton is looking for water polo referees, Bill Robertson, "pool" coach at the Union, is looking for the last few entries to the Snooker Tournament, sponsored by the McGill Union.

Play for the Annual Snooker Championship begins Monday morning, and Bill wants all applications filed before 12 a.m., Saturday, January 23, 1954. The Union House Committee announced late last night that it is donating a replica trophy to be awarded annually to the winner of the elimination tourney. The silver chalice will be suitably engraved with the winner's name and the words "McGILL UNION SNOOKER CHAMPION 1953-54." The runner-up in the finals will be presented with a set of playing cards, as well as instructions on "HOW TO PLAY HEARTS."

RULES
1.—Only registered male students eligible.
2.—Each match is a best of three decision.
3.—Tournament games have preference on the waiting list.
4.—The loser pays all.
5.—Entry must be accompanied with name, faculty and phone number.

The billiards situation at McGill has undergone some radical changes recently, and this year, unlike the seasons gone by, the field is wide open.

Gone are the days of Jim "King" Miller, who was privileged with a special cue, and whose feats of wizardry on the pool table were often performed before capacity crowds. For in this particular corner of the campus, it was not his prowess at football, nor his supremacy at boxing, but rather that elusive quality of the pool shark that made him the idol of hundreds of lesser gifted cue-chalkers.

Gone are the days of old Josh Booth, that white-manned Welsh leprechaun, that beloved guardian of the time-clock, who went into retirement two years ago.

Ask one of the present pool-room denizens who Josh is, and he won't know; he won't know either who the new champ is going to be. Nobody does. It's wide open this year.

See you next week at the Union.

Duel Dolls En Garde

Fencing is "the art or practice of attack and defence with the sword or foil." Formerly it was used in many European countries to settle disputes, but at the present time it has been outlawed and is used only to show science and skill.

On Monday and Friday evenings from 7:30-9:30 the McGill Fencing Club holds its weekly practices. As of yet, the fencers have played in no scheduled tournament, but on December 11th they held a Fencing Social. This was an invitation meet to Westmount "Y". The evening was very enjoyable even though there were about fifteen boys to the five girls.

The intramural fencing tournament for girls will be held on January 25th. The winner of this tournament will receive the George Tully Trophy, while the Pat Carson Trophy will be awarded to the novice showing the most promise. The five top contestants in this tournament will compose the intercollegiate team which will "fence" a home and home series against St. Lawrence University. The first meet will be held at McGill on January 30th and the next at St. Lawrence on March 6th. The Westmount "Y" has invited the McGill Fencing Club to attend an open house at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 28th. This will be a fencing evening and will provide extra practice for January 30th. Everyone is urged to attend.

Irma Garfinkel

Womens' Events

Badminton

Intramural doubles tourney in this sport will begin this Tuesday night, at the Currie Gym. All girls interested should sign up in RVC. This promises to be good practice for co-eds who want to make the intercollegiate squad later in the year.

Rifery

This activity continues tonight in the range up at the gym. All co-eds are urged to attend, as two events of major importance are coming up very shortly.

Squash

There is a ladder tournament currently taking place on Wednesday nights, which will continue until Jan. 30. Anyone interested can still participate in the meet by phoning Eleanor Blanchard at DE. 6994.

Archery

The intramural meet in this sport will begin next Thursday Jan. 28. Practice for those interested will be held today from 2-6 in the rifle range.

Ski House

Skiing conditions right now are excellent, and co-eds should take advantage of the opportunity to spend a week-end up north for a practically non-existent price. Sign up in the RVC Phys Ed. office.

Rifle Club To Elect Officers

On Tuesday January 26, 1954, the McGill Rifle Club, Men's Division, will be holding a general meeting for the purpose of electing new officers for this term.

This meeting will be held at the range in the gym at 7.30 p.m. It is a very important meeting, and all members are asked to attend.

Westies Floor Dinks 4-1

Eng. 2, better known as the "Dinks" in the Intramural Floor Hockey League, outplayed and outlasted the Westies last Tuesday night, but were outscored 4-1 due to poor shooting on their part.

Without the services of Mighty Mervyn Brettschneider and "Terrible Ted Cross," the squad's top scorers, the Dinks were forced to recruit several newcomers unfamiliar with the game of floor hockey, and this eventually led to their downfall.

Wee Willie Caine again served notice for recognition on the All Star team for goalie, time and again repelling Westie sure-goals.

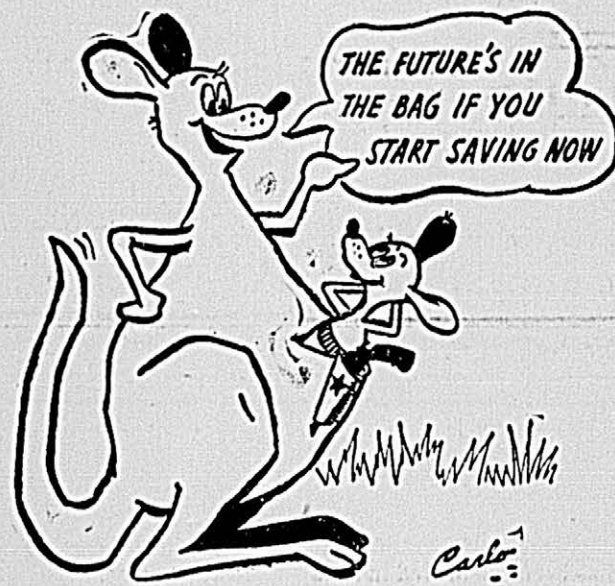
Led by Wood Chuck Eddy at centre and defenceman "Gorgeous George" Allan, who incidentally has played every position this semester, the boys started fast, but lucky saves disheartened them quickly.

Dean the Queen Morrisette again played an inspired forechecking game, scoring the lone goal.

Dapper Dave Bruneau, who was, by necessity, moved up to a starting slot, strove desperately to live up to the capabilities believed of him by his coach. Unfortunately, one of the drafties, Mike Colman, suffered a badly cut eyelid, while old Dapper Dave finished with a badly puffed eye which he could hardly see out of.

Intermediate Football

The intermediate football team is asked to report to the gym today at 5:30 to take pictures for the Annual.



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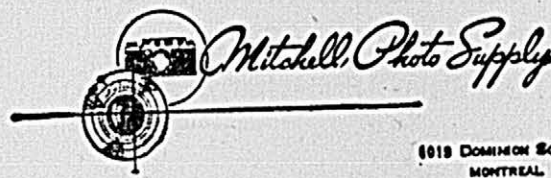
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CO-EDiting

by Flora Ball

I'm tired of beating my head against a stone wall."

So spoke Pauline Mowat, president of the Women's Union.

"Co-eds at McGill have no conception of and make almost no use of the Women's Union," Pauline continues. "Some of them don't even know what it is. We've been doing a lot this year, yet we've had little support from the very people we're doing it for. We could be more active still, but there's no point in attempting things when it seems likely even beforehand that only a small number will profit by our work."

As an example of what she means, Pauline points out the Career Clinics held recently in RVC, at which eight women gave talks on their professions. Forty out of the 1,000 co-eds at McGill attended.

At the Women's Oratory Contest in December, no one except the speakers and judges was present. When the semi-annual open meetings of the Women's Union are held, there is almost always trouble getting a quorum of 60. The only bright spot in the picture seems to be the Senior Luncheon which was given in December in RVC. This was attended by about 25% of the women in the senior class.

Next Term's Activities
Next term the Women's Union has planned many activities. Another Senior Luncheon will be held on Feb. 3 at which Dr. D. L. Thompson, Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, will speak.

Newman Club Holds Elections

A dance and sleigh ride will close two weeks of campaigning and elections for the Newman Club executive. Campaigning is going on this week with elections running from Monday, Jan. 25, through Saturday Jan. 30, at the Newman House, 2049 McGill College.

Contesting executive positions are: for president: Billie Cosgrove and Paul Barolet; vice president: Henri d'Auriel, Jim Dueros and Louis Teller; conciliator (woman): Hanna Sopata, Eileen Murphy and Beth King; conciliator (men): Bob Warner and Bill Barley.

All Catholics are urged to cast their vote. In order to become acquainted with their candidates the present executive has asked all eligible voters to frequent the Newman House during these two weeks.

In conjunction with the Winter Carnival, the Women's Union will sponsor a fashion show on Feb. 16. Modelling will be done by the ten girls rated highest in the Carnival Queen contest (including the five finalists) and by 10 more picked from the campus. Money raised from the show will be donated to some charitable organization.

On Feb. 24, the Women's Union and the Undergraduate Interests Committee will present a talk on marriage, by a doctor.

Industrial tours have been arranged for the end of February. These take girls on tours of large companies so that they may see what work such as a lab technician or a social worker's really like and also so that they may get an idea of good places to look for a job.

An open meeting of the Women's Union will be held on March 1 and elections for the executive will take place on March 3.

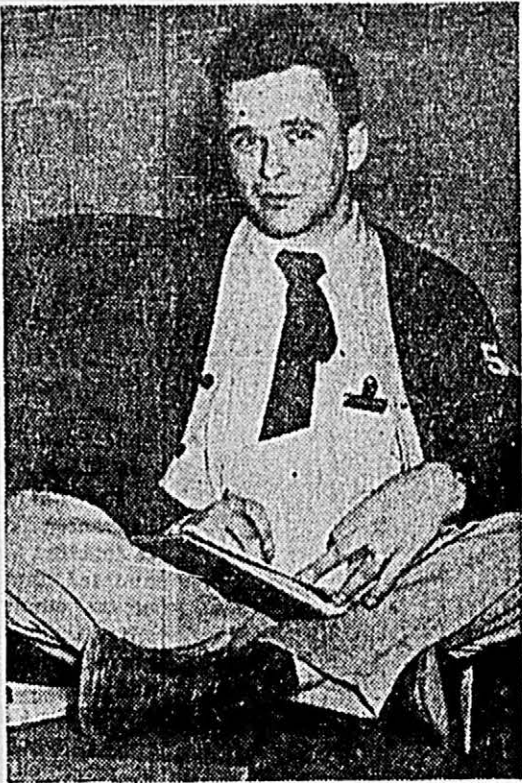
Suggestions
The executive hopes that in this next term more women will take advantage of the activities the Women's Union offers them. In the meantime it has been suggested that the organization might sponsor such things as a bridge tournament, speakers on current events, an informal buffet supper for both men and women, or next year a Sadie Hawkins dance, or stag ten dances after the football games, to which everyone would be invited for an hour or so of relaxation and a chance to warm their feet as the season gets colder.

Not in the Red
The potentialities of the Women's Union are practically limitless, for it is almost the only solvent organization on campus (don't tell the SEC we said so). But in the past, interest in what the Women's Union was doing has been conspicuous only by its absence. If women at McGill would make use of their executive by coming to it with suggestions, or complaints, many more things might be accomplished. But the way matters stand now, as Pauline says:

"It's really very frustrating." **Help Offered**
Another facility unused by McGill co-eds is the RVC staff. Girls who have problems with their courses, who are afraid they are about to fail a subject, who would like tutoring but can't afford a professional and don't know how to contact qualified students, are advised to see Miss Jill Hutchinson, Assistant Warden of RVC, for help and advice.

Highly Unusual:
In every nook and cranny of McGill's "other campus" this week you'll come upon scenes such as this: students being students.

Two major ordeals in two Macdonald College schools coincide to produce this highly un-McGillian campus effect.



Aggies and Teachers Slave at Macdonald

Macdonald College, Que., Jan. 20 — Anyone in the market for 700 college students, keen, industrious, hard working?

This is the place and now is the time to find them at every turn.

You'll see Aggies that look as if they haven't shaved for a week. They haven't. You'll see School for Teachers co-eds that look as if they've been up half the night — working.

They have! For this is the one week of the term when the curricular scores a complete academic knockout over the extra curricular and leaves the casual observer just about wondering whether Mac students don't take studies a little too seriously!

Spirit Turns
Of course, there has to be a reason for such a turn of events in one of the most spirited of co-educational residential colleges. And reason there is, for this week is the time when finals in Agriculture and Household Science coincide with full-time Practice Teaching in School for Teachers and, for seven days, all else is forgotten.

You'll see lights blazing in teachers' dorms well into the night as teacher candidates return from school "practice sessions" and get down to the exacting task of "lesson planning" the next day's work. For the Aggie, it's last-minute cramming; you'll find him with texts and notes in any deserted corner of a campus building. The Library, not the Coffee Shop, is campus local point.

Such a week of complete extracurricular inactivity is on the books for each Mac academic year, and students take it in their stride. The pressure is on. Cramming is a full-time

job. "Dress rules" are suspended; even appearance becomes a secondary consideration.

The third week of January traditionally is the week of examination hall ordeals; the first few days of the term are spent on a regular lecture schedule. Once the exams are in sight, everything stops.

TEACHERS PRACTICE
The "practice teaching" that removes student teachers from campus circulation is something of a way of life in itself. Would-be teachers get the opportunity of putting lecture hall and workshop theory into classroom practice, with teachers, principals and professors looking on. Most regard the period as exhausting. Students are teaching this week in Protestant schools of Greater Montreal, travelling to and from College residences by chartered bus. Evenings are spent comparing notes and preparing detailed "lesson plans" for the next day's work.

MUCH AHEAD
The campus may, as one Aggie puts it, be "a morgue", but next week should tell a different tale. All major Macdonald student undertakings for the current session remain ahead. The College Royal is on the books for Feb. 23. The four-day campus Winter Carnival and Athletics Weekend also are in the offing. The big Green and Gold Review is but 34 days from opening night.

In fact, Saturday next is as long as you'll need to wait to see the old campus back to normal. Practice teaching ends Friday. The last Aggie final is Saturday. From then on it's an old story and one that McGill knows well.

The Scoreboard

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE										
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STANDINGS										
Intercollegiate										
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U. of M.	5	5	0	0	35	16	10			
Laval	5	2	3	0	15	20	4			
McGill	2	1	1	0	8	6	2			
Toronto	5	1	4	0	17	31	2			
FRIDAY										
McGill at Toronto										

Coming EVENTS

Items for this column must be typed on a special form obtainable at the Tuck Shop and deposited in the Daily Mail box by the Student's Council Office in the hallway of the Union by one o'clock the day before the item is to appear. The deadline for Monday's paper is one o'clock Friday. Only brief items can be published in this column. Each event may be announced twice only in this paper.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

MUSIC CLUB: Lunch time concert, 1-2 p.m. in the Union Clubroom. Program: Vavaldi's Divertimento.
MOC: House meeting. All members of the House Committee are asked to attend. 1 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Union.
LIBERAL CLUB: General meeting at 1 p.m. in the New Club Room. Members are urged to attend.
REDMEN BAND: Group photograph for "Old McGill" to be taken at 8:00 p.m. in the band room. All bandmen are required to be present with instruments. Uniforms outstanding are to be given to the Quartermaster.
HILLEL: Choir rehearsal under the direction of Mr. Louis Burke at 8 p.m. in Hillel House.
STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT: Study group led by Don Evans on "Religion and the Demands of Reason" at 1 p.m. in S.C.M. House.
ANTHROPOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY CLUB: Organizational meeting from 1-2 p.m. in the Union Workshop (basement).
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB: Semi-weekly meeting at 1 p.m. in Room 61-B of the Engineering Building.
WESTMINSTER FELLOWSHIP: Bible study and discussion group from 5-6 p.m. in Room W. 115 of the Arts Building.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

C.C.F. CLUB: Business meeting at 1 p.m. in New Club Room in the Union.
MONTREAL GEOLOGY CLUB: General meeting to discuss trip to Kilmer magnesite mine at 1 p.m. in Room 106 of Physical Science Center.
STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT: Worship led by Bob Miller at 7:45 a.m., SCM House, 3625 Oxenden. Breakfast served following worship.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

NEWMAN CLUB: Day up north. Group to meet at Newman House for 7:15 Mass before leaving on the 9 p.m. train. For further particulars see Dee Dee Seng or Joyce Carruthers at Newman House.



Please note changes and additions. Be on time. Entire Cast includes singers and dancers.

Thursday, January 21
1.00—Waltz
5.00—Just A Baby
6.30—Can Can
7.50—Russian Dialogue
8.00—Ballet
9.00—American Dream
Friday, January 22
No Rehearsals
Saturday, January 23
4.00—Opening Number
6.30—Just A Baby
7.30—Red Red Russia
Sunday, January 24
2.00—Russian Finale
4.30—Red Red Russia
4.30—American Dialogue
5.00—Spot of Tea
5.00—Russian Dialogue
5.30—What's the Good
5.30—French Dialogue
6.00—Tag
6.00—English Dialogue
6.45—Ballet
7.30—Can Can
Monday, January 25
7.50—Entire English Cast
9.20—Entire Russian Cast
Tuesday, January 26
7.00—American Dream
8.00—Entire French Cast
9.20—Entire American Cast

The Storm ...

(Continued from page 2)

political structure was not so much discarded as it slipped away. The troops were practically released from the authority of officers whom the Soviet did not trust. This was a sad mistake. Bolsheviks began to organize demonstrations, while views in the government began to shift noticeably to the left. The Bolsheviks had two strong cards in their hands: they stood for an immediate, separate peace; and they also stood for immediate seizure of the estates by the peasants.

LENIN

Lenin was smuggled in from Switzerland and Trotsky came from Canada.

In July, Kerensky pressed strongly by the Allies, launched an offensive on the south western front, which was at first a success. It was followed almost at once by rout and only led to a more complete demoralization. Throughout the summer the Bolsheviks had been driving the war interest out of the public mind and substituting discussion of the ideas of Karl Marx, who had long made a strong appeal to factory workers.

DIFFERENCES

Differences of opinion arose between Kerensky and the commanders of the army about the death penalty. The army started revolting, and on November 14, 1917, Lenin and Trotsky seized the government. The Reign of Terror began.

TERRIBLE SHAME

Up till now we have only considered the political situation. We should take a more humane view and consider the position of the populace during these terrible years of revolution. We would then see hunger, desolation,

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